Import of Fertilizers

*387. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total quantity of urea and other fertilizers imported to so far during 1994-95 as compared to the years 1992-93 and 1993-94;

(b) what procedure was followed in this regard in awarding contracts to parties for export/import indicating names of those parties, terms and conditions laid down therefor, rate etc. agreed to; and

(c) whether all the concerned parties fulfilled the commitments and if not, what are the names of the defaulting companies and action, if any, taken so far against each party/company?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) Details of major fertilizers imported by India are given below:

Qty. lakh tonnes

	Urea	MOP	DAP
1992-93	18.57	17.61	15.57
1993-94	28.40	14.28	15.69
1994-95 (Apr-June)	1.97	3.85	1.32

(b) Out of the major fertilizers the import of urea is canalised through MMTC. Purchase of urea is done by MMTC in accordance with its commercial operation. MMTC have intimated that as per the established procedures, fertilizers are imported through global tenders/telex enquiries and the offers are considered by Sale Purchase Committee of Board of Directors. DAP and MOP are decanalised and decontrolled fertilizers which are imported freely.

MMTC mainly imports urea from CIS, Germany and Middle-East countries like Qatar, Saudi Arabia, UAE, Bahrain, Kuwait.

(c) The following three parties have defaulted in performance of commitments and their Bid Bonds/Performance guarantees have been invoked by MMTC.

(1) M/s. Qingdao Chemicals, Medicines and Health Products Import/ Export Corporation, China, during the year 1992-93.

(2) M/s. Quadros International, Hong Kong, during the year 1993-94.

(3) M/s. Ligna Ltd. Praha, (Czech Republic) during the year 1994-95.

Re-orienting the Planning Process

*388. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to re-orient the planning process;

(b) whether any scheme has been formulated by the Planning Commission in the matter; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) to (c) The Eighth Five Year Plan proposes an increase in share of private sector investment in some of the key sectors of the economy, a very selective role of public sector in coverage of activities and a shift in allocation of Government expenditure in favour of Social Sectors.

Quantum of exports by STC

*389. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total export of STC, commodity-wise, with value during 1992-93 and 1993-94;

(b) what is the total import of canalised items by STC during 1992-93 and 1993-94 and the value thereof;

(c) whether in view of the liberalised

import and export policy, Government are considering for the closure of STC; and

(d) if not, what would be the function of STC in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) and (b) Commodity-wise export turnover of STC alongwith value; total import of edible oil, the canalised commodity through STC along with the value for the year 1992-93 are given in the enclosed statement. (*See* below)

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Consequent upon the decanalisation of the import and export of a number of item hitherto canalised through STC, the Govt. have been reviewing the need to reorient and restructure STC in a manner consistent with the liberalised economy and a competitive environment.

Statement

STC: *Exports during 1992-93 and 1993-94*

Value: Rs. Crores

EXPORTS	1992-93 Actuals	1993-94 Actuals
Canalised		
Sugar	8.85	—
Sub-Total (Canalised):	8.85	—
Non-Canalised		
Castor Oil	3.69	—
Jute Goods	2.02	2.37
Rice	6.05	2.60
Tobacco	4.42	9.14
Coffee	11.03	14.01
Spices	16.74	2.23
Tea	8.10	17.23
Extractions	31.71	68.59
Foodgrains (Wheat)	2.89	0.15
Others	2.96	8.98
Natural Rubber	10.59	10.35
Cashew	25.36	33.36
Sugar	—	43.91
Alcohol	17.58	4.94
Molases	0.67	—
Sports Goods	5.63	4.80
Textile/RMG/Coir	13.81	9.86
Consumer Products	10.51	8.52
Engg./Const. Materials	8.72	23.79
Chemical & Drugs	41.23	40.37
Meat & Marine Products	8.61	2.49
Fresh & Processed Foods	1.53	11.44
Leatherware	49.84	44.08
SUB-TOTAL (Non-Canalised):	283.69	363.21
Counter Trade	258.85	434.67
TOTAL EXPORTS	551.39	797.88

Canalised Imports-BBD Palmolein

Year	Qnty. (MT)	Value (Rs. Crores)
1992-93	30,000	39
1993-94	42,000	51

Guidelines to Promote Foreign Consultancy

*390. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL *alias* MEEM AFZAL:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have formulated new guidelines to promote foreign consultancy at the cost of Indian consultancy business;

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take to remove such guidelines; and

(c) what are the details of the growth rate of Indian consultancy business during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) No Sir.

(b) Does not arise

(c) Foreign exchange earnings on